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COUNTRY Austria REPORT TOPIC Aspern Airfield 25X1EVALUATION  PLACE OBTAINED  25X1DATE OF CONTENT  25X1DATE OBTAINED  DATE PREPARED 21 June 1955 25X1

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1. Between 0900 and 1700 on 11 May 1955, 28 canvas-covered MiG-15s and 1 canvas-covered Yak-11 were observed at Aspern airfield. There was no air activity. The sky was 10/10 overcast at an altitude of about 1,000 meters. Between 1300 and 1600, the cloud base broke up with occasional sunshine, there was a northwesterly wind of about 5 km/h; a temperature of about 15 degrees, and clear visibility. The taxiway had a dark gray color. A strip about 150 meters long, covered with white broken stones was observed both at the western and eastern ends of the runway. The airfield was not enclosed except for a damaged fence along the southern edge. A maximum of 5 Soviet soldiers were observed in the southern section which was covered by buildings. Many soldiers were seen loitering in Essling and Aspern. The two-story building No 38 on Haupt Strasse in Essling served as quarters for Soviet civilians. No 7 on Sieges Platz, Aspern, bore the following inscription in large Cyrillic letters "Dom Ofitserov Sovetskoy Armii" (Building for officers of the Soviet Army).
2. Between 1000 and 1600 on 17 May, 28 MiG-15s and 1 Yak-11, all covered with tarpaulins, were parked at Aspern airfield. The degree of cloudiness changed from 3/10 to 7/10 at an altitude of about 1,500 meters. There was an easterly wind of about 15 km/h, a temperature of about 18 degrees and clear visibility. No air activity was conducted. Eighteen Soviet soldiers were observed at the field. Eight of them were engaged in mowing the grass on the athletic field by means of a mowing machine towed by a Stalin-type tractor. All motor vehicles were parked under lean-to roofs and in sheds except for tank truck  which was seen at the main entrance gate and the open trailer  at the western end of the football ground. Trucks  25X1  were seen in Essling coming from the direction of Vienna and moving toward Gross Enzersdorf.

Comment. Aspern airfield is still occupied by a Soviet fighter regiment equipped with MiG-15s. 25X1

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